



H.R. 6370 – Oregon Surplus Federal Land Act of 2008

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 6370 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR) on June 25, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote on July 31, 2008.

H.R. 6370 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 22, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 6370 requires the Coast Guard to transfer to the Department of the Interior (DOI) about 24 acres of Federal land in Coos County, Oregon, within five years. This land includes the Cape Arago Light Station. The Department would be required to hold the land in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon.

BACKGROUND

Coos County is located in western Oregon along the Pacific coast. The Cape Arago Light Station was the first lighthouse built after Oregon became a State in 1859. The lighthouse is now decommissioned and is listed on the National Inventory of Historic Lighthouses. The Cape Arago Light Station is located on an island known as "Chief's Island". During operation, the lighthouse had one official staff member and relied upon volunteers to assist with any necessary rescue efforts.

[National Park Service – Cape Arago Light Station](#)

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that implementing H.R. 6370 "would have no significant effect on the federal budget." [Full CBO Cost Estimate](#)

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